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The Orchard Town Center  
14697 Delaware Street, Suite 850  
Westminster, Colorado 80023

**RE: Letter of Support for Smart Commute Metro North's TIP grant application: Flexible Micro Transit Service and Mobility to Support the Underserved Workforce Needs in the North I-25 Area**

Dear Grant Evaluators,

As a major retail and restaurant center located at the intersection of I-25 and 144<sup>th</sup>, we are writing this letter in support of Smart Commute Metro North's sub-regional TIP Grant application which focuses on addressing the challenging demands of shift work and weekend transportation service needs for the workforce at 144<sup>th</sup> and I-25. Currently there are inadequate mobility options for the 5 major workforce centers in this area, representing over 5000 jobs. RTD Express bus service ends at the 120<sup>th</sup> Wagon Road Park n Ride, and the very limited local connecting service only runs Monday through Friday with service ending at 7:00pm and doesn't accommodate the retail and restaurant work shift schedules for most employees at the The Orchard Town Center.

Lack of mobility options, particularly transit service, has been a recruitment and retention challenge for many employers at this location. A transit connection to the 120<sup>th</sup> Wagon Road Park n Ride will provide much needed service for residents throughout Adams County to enter the workforce in this part of Adams County.

We believe this grant application focusing on multimodal options including transit service and the incorporation of a robust ridesharing program will not only connect this underserved region to the larger existing multimodal region, and add to a vibrant regional economy, but brings together RTD, the City of Westminster, the City of Thornton and major employers for a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

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